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In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9482**  
Takayuki WATANABE et al. : **Docket No. 2000-0044A**  
Serial No. 09/492,137 : **Group Art Unit 1761**  
Filed January 27, 2000 : **Examiner Robert A. Madsen**  
**EDIBLE POWDER MATERIAL HAVING**  
**EXCELLENT SHELF STABILITY** : **Mail Stop AF**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 8, 2004, the time for responding thereto being extended for two months in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP** 1761